

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18, and starting with "In order to determine ..." with the following amended paragraph:

In order to determine a K plane 51 a function

$$s_1(s, s_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{ms_2 + (n-m)s}{n}, & s \leq s_2 < 2 + 2\pi \\ \frac{ms + (n-m)s_2}{n}, & s > s_2 > s - 2\pi \end{cases}$$

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(3)

is introduced, which function is dependent on non-negative, integer values  $n$  and  $m$ , where  $n > m$ . In this embodiment  $n=2$  and  $m=1$ . However, other values  $n, m$  may also be chosen. The equation (1) would nevertheless remain exact, and only the position of the K planes 51 would change. Furthermore, the vector function

$$u(s, s_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{[y(s_1(s, s_2)) - y(s)] \times [y(s_2) - y(s)]}{\|y(s_1(s, s_2)) - y(s)\| \times \|y(s_2) - y(s)\|} \cdot \text{sgn}(s_2 - s), & 0 < |s_2 - s| < 2\pi \\ \frac{\dot{y}(s) \times \ddot{y}(s)}{|\dot{y}(s) \times \ddot{y}(s)|}, & s_2 = s \end{cases}$$

(4)

and the unity vector

$$\beta(s, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}(s)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}(s)|} \quad (5)$$

are defined. The vector  $\beta$  then points from the radiation source position  $\mathbf{y}(s)$  to the position  $\mathbf{x}$ . In order to determine the K plane, a value  $s_2 \in I_{Pl(x)}$  is chosen so that  $\mathbf{y}(s)$ ,  $\mathbf{y}(s_1(s, s_2))$ ,  $\mathbf{y}(s_2)$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  are situated in one plane. This plane is referred to as the K plane 51 and the line of intersection between the K plane 51 and the detector surface is referred to as the K line 53. Fig. 6 shows a fan-like part of a K plane. The edges of the fan meet at the location of the radiation source. This definition of the K plane 51 is equivalent to solution of the equation

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}(s)) \cdot \mathbf{u}(s, s_2) = 0, \quad s_2 \in I_{Pl(x)} \quad (6)$$

according to  $s_2$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{u}$  is thus the normal vector of the K plane 51. In order to determine the vector function  $\Theta(s, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  the vector

$$\mathbf{e}(s, \mathbf{x}) = \cos \gamma \cdot \beta(s, \mathbf{x}) + \sin \gamma \cdot \mathbf{c}(s, \mathbf{x}) \quad (7)$$

is defined. Using the definition for  $\beta$  and  $\mathbf{e}$ , the vector function  $\Theta(s, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  can be expressed as follows:

$$\Theta(s, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \cos \gamma \cdot \beta(s, \mathbf{x}) + \sin \gamma \cdot \mathbf{e}(s, \mathbf{x}) \quad (8)$$

Because both vectors  $\beta$  and  $\mathbf{e}$  are oriented perpendicularly to  $\mathbf{u}$ , the K angle  $\gamma$  indicates the direction of the vector  $\Theta$  and hence the direction of a ray within a K plane.